THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) There are 23 major gas based and 73 major coal based power plants in the country.

(b) The total installed capacity of gas based power plants is 7300 MW and that of coal based plants is 51950 MW (rounded) as on 30.4.1998.

(c) All these power plants are in operation.

(d) and (e) These plants were installed in different years beginning from 1950 onwards.

**विद्युत वित्त निगम द्वारा ऋण आवेदनों की जांच में विलंब**

832. **श्री ईश दत्त यादव:**
**चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह यादव:**

**क्या विद्युत मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:**

**(क) क्या यह सच है कि विद्युत वित्त निगम द्वारा ऋण आवेदनों की जांच करने में काफी विलम्ब किया जाता है;**

**(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; और**

**(ग) सरकार ने ऋण आवेदनों के जांच कार्य को तेज करने हेतु क्या प्रयास किए हैं?**

**विद्युत मंत्री( श्री रंगराजन कुमारमंगलम):** (क) जी, नहीं। विद्युत वित्त निगम (पीएफसी) द्वारा परियोजना ऋण संबंधी आवेदनों का मूल्यांकन करने में कोई विलम्ब नहीं किया जाता है। प्रस्तावों और सभी संबंधित सूचनाएं प्राप्त करने के पश्चात् आवेदनों पर शीघ्रतापूर्वक कार्रवाई की जाती है।

(ख) और (ग) उपरोक्त (क) को मद्देनजर रखते हुए प्रश्न उत्पन्न नहीं होते।

**Gas Based power projects**

833. SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:
DR. MOHAN BABU:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of gas based power plants functioning in the country at present, State-wise;

(b) the number out of them set up with the foreign financial and technical assistance;

(c) the total power generated by these power plants during 1997;

(d) whether the power generated by petroleum products is costly compared to other means of production i.e. thermal or hydel; and

(e) if so, the reasons for opting more gas based plants in the country?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) As on 31.3.1998, 26 major gas based power stations are in operation in the country as per details given in the statement. (*See* below)

(b) 16 gas based stations have received foreign, financial/technical assistance.

(c) The total energy generated by gas based stations during 1997-98 was 35429 million units.

(d) and (e) The cost of generation from the Plants based on petroleum products set up recently, is more than the hydel plants and in some case more than thermal plants. However, generally the variable cost in respect of petroleum product plants is higher than that of thermal & hydel plants whereas the fixed cost is less than thermal & hydel plants. The main reasons for opting for more gas based power plants is their short gestation period compared to thermal & hydro plants and for meeting part of the power deficit in the country in a shorter period.

**Statement**

State-wise number of gas based power stations as on 31.3.98

| S.No. | Name of Gas based stations | State |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Anta | Rajasthan |
| 2. | Auriya | Uttar Pradesh |
| 3. | Dadri | Uttar Pradesh |
| 4. | Kawas | Gujarat |
| 5. | Gandhar | Gujarat |
| 6. | Kathalguri | NEEPCO |
| 7. | I.P. Gas Turbine | Delhi |
| 8. | Ramgarh | Rajasthan |